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in regard to the number of shifts at Dairen Dock [redacted] welders usually worked three shifts. [redacted] at night saw light from welding machines over the dock's territory.

2. In regard to whether the dock engages in the making of railroad equipment, I do not know. It is probable that Dairen Dock did not and does not engage in such production. The dock always had a large annual production program for marine work. If the firm had wished to exceed the plan, it would have been very simple to obtain additional orders from Vladivostok, because the need for ship repairing was always greater than the actual repair work which was done. However, if under certain circumstances it was decided to change the dock's normal work program, the dock had the equipment which would enable it to engage in some repair work on locomotives and railway cars and even to manufacture some cars. [redacted] the Chinese members among the group of top officials of Dairen Dock would be likely to attempt to expand the activity of the shipbuilding department, because the Chinese had practically no ships either to operate or to repair. The Soviet members, on the other hand, would be likely to concentrate on ship repair, which is very important to them. Up to March 1952 at least, Dairen Dock concentrated the greatest share of its activity on ship repair. Its shipbuilding activity was always very limited, consisting of the production of lighters and tugs.

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